

Claims

1. Walker (2) having a frame (4) on which front wheels (16, 18) and rear wheels (20, 22) as well as at least two gripping members (8, 10) are disposed for displacing the walker (2) in a walking direction (6), is characterized in that the gripping members (8, 10) are disposed in a principle position (I) in which they are substantially parallel to the walking direction (6) and pivoted into a pivoted position (II) in which they are substantially transverse with respect to the walking direction and touch each other (6) or are separated from each other to a slight extent.
2. Walker (2) of claim 1, characterized in that the gripping members (8, 10) can be locked in their main position (I), in their pivoted position (II) and/or in intermediate positions.
3. Walker (2) according to at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the gripping members (8, 10) each have a locking section (54, 56) in a region of their free ends which is configured in such a fashion that, in the pivoted position (II), the two locking sections (54, 56) have at least sections which face each other and which can be locked to each other by means of a locking element (62) which engages in at least sections of the two locking sections (54, 56).
4. Walker (2) of claim 3, characterized in that the two locking sections (54, 56) can seat on each other at at least sections in the pivoted position (II).

5. Walker (2) according to claim 3 or 4, characterized in that the locking sections (54, 56) have at least sections which are substantially perpendicular to the pivot axis (52) of the gripping members (8, 10) and which have seating surfaces (58, 60).
6. Walker (2) according to claim 3, 4 or 5, characterized in that the locking element (62) is captured in a locking section (54) and is disposed under spring tension in such a fashion that it projects beyond the seating surface (58) of this locking section (54), wherein the locking element (62) can, in opposition to the spring tension, be at least partially pushed and preferentially substantially completely pushed into the locking section (54).
7. Walker (2) of claim 6, characterized in that the locking section (56) on which the locking element (62) is not disposed has a locking receptacle (70) for at least partial engagement of the locking element (62) in the locked position.
8. Walker (2) of claim 7, characterized in that the locking section (56) having the locking receptacle (70) has a releasing element (72) which can be operated with which the locking element (62) can be displaced, in opposition to the spring tension, out of the locked position into an unlocked position.
9. Walker (2) of claim 8, characterized in that the locking element (72) is captured in the locking section (56) and pretensioned under spring loading in such a fashion that it is held under spring tension in an

accessible operating position, where it can be introduced in the locked position through pressure on the releasing element (72, 74) to move the locking element (62) out of the locked position into an unlocked position.

10. Walker (2) of claim 8 or 9, characterized in that, in the locked position, the locking element (62) and the releasing element (72) are disposed one behind the other along a line (88) which is substantially parallel to the pivot axis (52) of the gripping members and/or perpendicular to the seating surface (58, 60) of the locking sections (54, 56).
11. Walker (2) according to any one of the claims 3 through 10, characterized in that the locking element (62) is configured as a locking bolt and/or the release element (72) is configured as a release bolt.
12. Walker (2) according to any one of the claims 8 through 11, characterized in that the locking section (56) with the locking receptacle (70) has an introductory bevel (90) configured in such a fashion that the locking element (62) is pushed by the introductory bevel (90) in opposition to the pretension into the locking section (56) when the grip member (8, 10) is pivoted into the pivoted position (II) prior to the point in time in which it snaps into the locking receptacle (70) due to spring pretension.
13. Walker (2) of claim 12, characterized in that the locking section (54) which does not have an introductory bevel has a shape which is

complementary to that of the introductory bevel (90) such that the two grip portions (8, 10) substantially form a closed surface in the locked state.

14. Walker (2) according to at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the front wheels (16, 18) and the rear wheels (20, 22) are displaced relative to each other perpendicular to the walking direction (6).
15. Walker (2) according to at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the front wheels (16, 18) are disposed on front frame portions (12, 14) and the rear wheels (20, 22) are disposed on rear frame portions (24, 26), wherein the rear frame portions (24, 26) can be pivoted from a use position (Fig. 1) into a storage position proximate to the front wheels (Fig. 2, Fig. 3), wherein either the rear wheels (20, 22) are separated from the support surface (48) of the walker (2) in the storage position (Fig. 2) of the rear frame portion (24, 26) or the front wheels (16', 18') are separated from a support surface (48') of the walker (2') in the storage position (Fig. 3) of the rear frame portions (24', 26').
16. Walker (2) according to at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the front wheels (16, 18) and the rear wheels (20, 22) and/or the axis of rotation can be brought into mutual alignment, wherein the diameter of the front wheels (16, 18) can differ from that of the rear wheels (20, 22).

17. Walker (2) according to at least one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that a seat member (30) is provided, which can be moved into a substantially horizontal use position on an intermediate element (28) on which it is supported and out of the use position into a storage position.
18. Walker (2) according to at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the walker (2) has a transport container (32).